

Reference Guide

How to read the Documentation for the
Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Forms 1
and 2, and associated map.

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FORM 1

Documentation of BLM Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings from Previous Inventory on Record

Previous Inventory refers to 1979 paper records.

1. Is there existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory information on all or part of this area?

No _____ (Go to Form 2) Yes X (If yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the unique identifiers for those areas.):

a) Inventory Source: 3/07/79

b) Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s): CD-070-441

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): _____

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Grand Junction DO
Glenwood Springs RA

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory area is associated with the area, list each area and answer each question individually for each inventory area):

Inventory Source: 3/07/79

This chart lists findings of previous inventory from paper records of 1979.

Area Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? Yes/No (acres)	Naturalness? Yes/No	Outstanding Solitude? Yes/No	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Yes/No	Supplemental Values? Yes/No
<u>CD-070-441</u>	<u>4700</u>				

Current Conditions refers to conditions found in the present day.

Area Unique Identifier refers to number in 1979 inventory GIS shapefile. You may notice that this number may not match the previous page due to differences between the paper records and the GIS shapefile, but the number was not used in the analysis and does not change the results.

Describes current polygon boundaries used. These are also shown on the attached map.

Describes current findings. This may be accompanied with other records attached to the end of these forms.

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier 441 Acreage 5428 *the rest of 441 is captured under 338/441 form.

In completing steps (1)-(5), use additional space as necessary.

(1) Is the area of sufficient size? (If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception in the space provided below),

Yes No

Note: If "No" is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions below.

Description (describe the boundaries of the area--wilderness inventory roads, property lines, etc.): Southern boundary is formed by U.S. Highway 6 and

I-70. Northern boundary formed by Coffee Pot Road
(County Road 17).

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes No N/A

Note: If "No" is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions below.

Description (include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses/activities): Motorized use occurs along very wide

routes that lead to range improvements (stock ponds). Since the polygon is just over 5000 acres to begin with, cherry stemming these routes and taking out adjacent land where you could see the routes would decrease to below 5000 acres, especially since most of the upper
(3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to land will visually unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude? See this impact.

Yes No N/A

You may notice that the acreage on this page may be different from the acreage on the previous page. This is because the BLM looked at current conditions (current road maintenance records, current land status, and current developments such as railroads) which would create a boundary to the polygon. The 1979 inventory was only used as a reference, and not as part of the analysis.

If the current conditions found that there are multiple polygons within a 1979 inventory polygon, multiple forms may be filled out to cover the entire area.

The size, naturalness, and outstanding opportunities criteria findings may differ from previous inventory findings because of change in conditions.

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for solitude):

(4) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A _____

Note: If "No" is checked for both 3 and 4 the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for question 5.

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation):

(5) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical value)?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A _____

Description: _____

This page will only have writing on it if the polygon passed the size and naturalness criteria, which most polygons did not.



Area Unique Identifier will match Current Conditions, which also matches the GIS shapefile.

Summary of Analysis*

Area Unique Identifier: 4411

Summary

Results of analysis:

(Note: explain the inventory findings for the entirety of the inventory unit. When wilderness characteristics have been identified in an area that is smaller than the size of the total inventory unit, explain why certain portions of the inventory unit are not included within the lands with wilderness characteristics (e.g. the inventory found that certain parts lacked naturalness).

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? Yes ___ No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? ___ Yes No ___ N/A
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? ___ Yes ___ No N/A
4. Does the area have supplemental values? ___ Yes ___ No N/A

Check one:

The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as lands with wilderness characteristics.

The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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Date: _____

* This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-3.

Final results of the current inventory.

Polygon 441

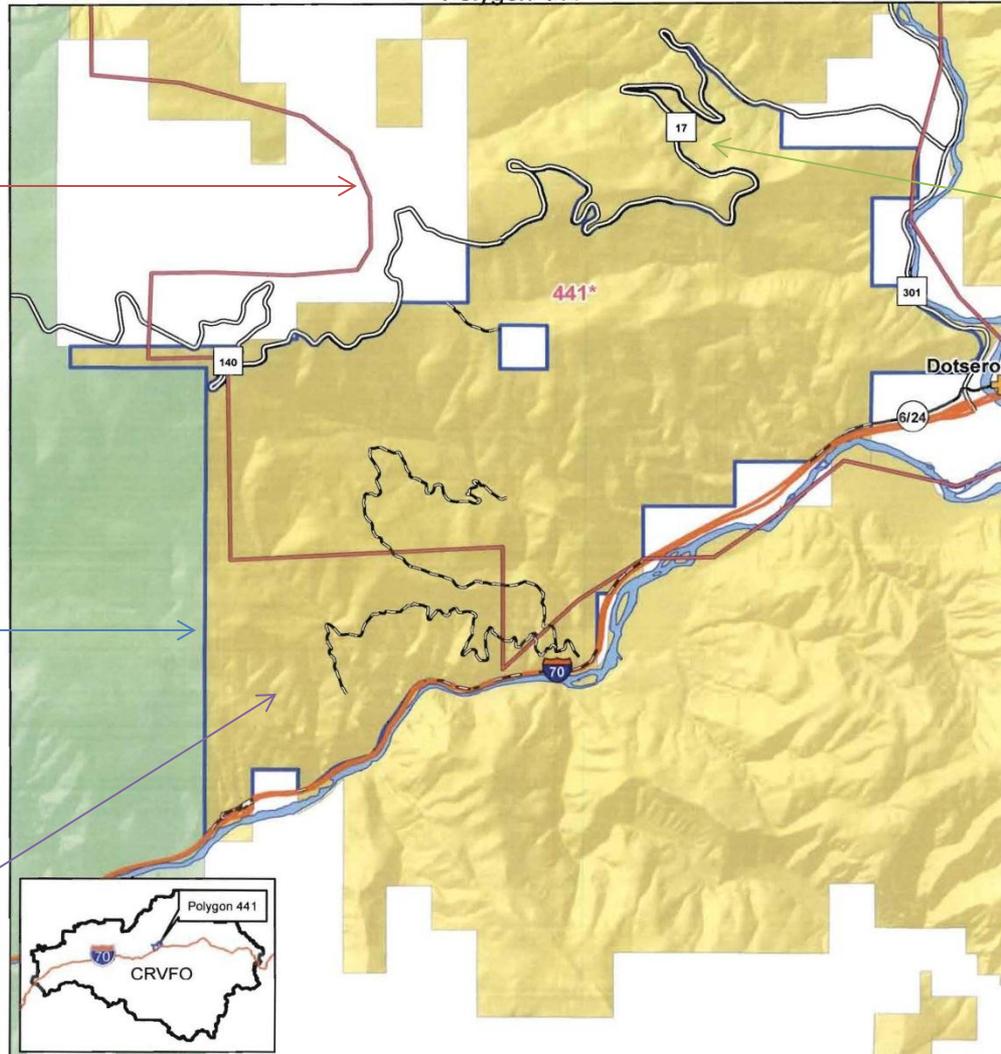
1979 Inventory polygon boundary on GIS shapefile.

Current Conditions polygon determined through GIS analysis. Notice the 1979 GIS shapefile is not used for analysis, but only as a reference point.

Notice that this BLM acreage was not included in the previous 1979 polygon (due to such factors as changes in land status, previous elimination based on road determinations), but must be analyzed under current conditions. This can also account for differences in acreage.

Notice that County Road 17 bisects the 1979 polygon so that two polygons are now analyzed under current conditions. County Road 17 today is a highly maintained and heavily used road which creates a wilderness road and a boundary to the polygon. This can explain why acreages are different from the paper records on Form 1.

In addition, another map and form will document the findings for the other portion of the 1979 inventory polygon 441.



- ⊕ Cities
- Motorized Routes
- ▭ 1979 Inventory
- ▭ Eliminated LWC Polygon
- Bureau of Land Management
- US Forest Service (USFS)
- Private



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